

Comprehensive Review of the Revised Kyoto Convention

**Dialogue Session 1: A “Customs of the future” model
and avenues to maintain the RKC as the WCO flagship
convention**

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A. Socio-Economic Aspects

- Global challenges:
 - Increasing world population (eg. Asia, Africa, South America), Uncertainty in economic development, Need for environment protection, De-Globalization - Re-Nationalization, Multilateralism - Regionalism
- Need for Globally Networked Customs
 - Multilateral Organizations (UN, WTO, WCO)
 - UN Sustainable Development Goals (eg. Good Health and Well-Being, Decent Work and Economic Growth, Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions)

B. Technological Aspects

- Increasing forms of disruptive technologies
 - Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Biometrics, Robotics, Blockchain technology, Virtual reality, Social media
- Innovation driven by private sector
 - Private sector is acting; Public sector is re-acting
 - Transnational companies act globally, Customs acts nationally
- Consequences for Customs
 - Use of new technologies to achieve both Trade Facilitation and Safety and Security
 - Co-ordinated border management

C. Legal Aspects

- International Agreements and soft law: e.g. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Trade Facilitation Agreement, Revised Kyoto Convention, SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Trade
- Enhancements of RKC
 - TFA more general, RKC more concrete and specific (procedures, technologies)
 - Inclusion of SAFE Framework and other customs tools and instruments (idea of codex)
 - Ladder principle (one rule doesn't fit for all; incentive: Ranking in Global Competitiveness Report)



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